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To: Jane Henney, FDA Commissioner
From: Adam Mizicko
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Subject: Petition for testing and mandatory labeling for genetically engineered

RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1

Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am a citizen and customer deeply concerned over the use of GM foods. While there *are* studies (sponsored largely by the very corporations that will profit from the sale of patented life forms) that show no ill effects from certain genetic modifications, most independent scientists agree that there are potential consequences to tampering with the gene pool of our planet that we may not yet understand. Given the potential grave consequences of this endeavor, I believe that insufficient precautions have been taken to allow introduction of these products to the mass market at this time.

On March 21, 2000, Greenpeace and a coalition of over 50 family farm, consumer and environmental groups joined the Center for Food Safety in a petition to the FDA demanding the development of a thorough pre-market and environmental testing regime for genetically engineered foods and mandatory labeling of such foods. I am writing for submission to the official rulemaking docket (#00P-1211/CP1) in support of that action.

As a concerned citizen, I urge the FDA to require the labeling and pre-market safety testing of genetically engineered foods. We have an absolute right to know what is in the food that we are purchasing, as well as how it was produced. Scientists and doctors have warned that these crops may have unexpected side-effects in the diet and the environment, and there is no evidence that these foods are safe in the long-run.

Please take action to ensure that our health and environment are not put at risk.

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